

Nathan Hale PTSA Meeting  
November 20, 2013

Meeting brought to order at 6:34 pm by Joyce Drews.

**Attendance:** Joyce Drews, Genevieve Skowera, Diane Schumitsch, Lori Palesse, Mary Schmidt, .Cindy Ray, and Deanna Egeland, Sonya Williams, & Matt Lesar.

**Secretary Report** October Minutes submitted by Gena Kraemer approved as is.

**Treasurer Report:** Mary Schmidt – see written report, correction of offsetting the membership with the income.

**Website:** Gena created the website & Facebook page. [www.haleptsa.org](http://www.haleptsa.org), make sure you go to the facebook page & like us to stay up to date. Membership list will be forwarded to Gena to add to the gmail contact list so that we can reach out to the membership as needed. Diane Schumitsch moved to create a website line item with \$125 annually for the cost of having the website. Mary seconded.

**Membership:** Lori Palesse – Six new members with a fistful of teachers. Diane needs a list of teacher members by January for Teacher appreciation. Cindy Ray will have the list for Lori by the end of the week.

**WKCE Testing** – Cindy Ray – Everything was ready to go. Teachers picked up their treats and took them back to classrooms so that there were no more lines. Went really smoothly and kudos to Cindy for making the changes that she did. Only \$19 over budget.

**Reflections** – we need a chair to submit entries to State by Jan 15.

**Craft Fair:** Diane Schumitsch & Deanna Egeland—1275 people came in 295 short from last year. Why? Maybe new event at State Fair? Made a little more money because we charged more. Could we use the auxiliary gym to help with getting some of the people who are in the hall or maybe in addition. The hallway by the gyms is more narrow so booths would need to be smaller. Mary will work on measuring the areas and see how it goes for next year. Still need a volunteer coordinator for this event for next year. Nice to have staff members were here in case there was a problem.

**Council Report** – Diane Schumitsch – Make sure we have paid our Survive Alive donation. District bought old Lane school, for super great price—fully loaded. It was paid for by rentals at the administration bldg. Rumor going around about asbestos, Matt will look into it.

**Principal Report:** Matt Lesar - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Expo has been changed. Hales will be tomorrow, 11-21-2013. Mr. Lesar, Deb Beyer, Mr. Mielke went to all of the intermediates to do presentations about the “High School Experience”. Not all about Hale or all about Central. Expo is a tour, honor society kids will be helping out to give short speeches about specific areas of the school. More collaborative effort, less competitive between the two schools. There will be some type of Activity Fair after the students have chosen their high school. Matt doesn’t need any hospitality for this event.

Play was great...great job with the craft fair...winter sports are up and running. Tomorrow morning will be the practice ACT tests. Giving the kids the experience of taking it so that when they go to take the test, it won’t be their first time. Kids will get their results over the next few weeks, preferably before the December 14<sup>th</sup> actual test. Next year the ACT test will be the test for the school’s report card so Hale is trying to get ahead of that.

Parent conferences are December 5, invite only unless parents need to meet with teachers. Letters should go out on Monday. Winter formal will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**New Business:** Teacher Grants, we do not have any at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next Meeting is January 15 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gena Kraemer, Secretary  
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